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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q62623

Kouichi NAKAMURA

Appln. No.: 09/770,619

Group Art Unit: 1733

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For: PNEUMATIC TIRE

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

1. (Amended) A pneumatic tire having a tread pattern in which main lug grooves are disposed in opposing shoulder regions of a tread portion at a predetermined pitch in a circumferential direction of a tire, the main lug grooves being so arranged as to provide circumferential phase difference between the opposing tread shoulder regions,

wherein the main lug grooves are inclined with respect to the tread width direction and have the same inclining direction in the opposing shoulder regions,

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